

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Please amend the third paragraph on page 7, beginning with “The mold clamping...” as follows:

The mold clamping cylinder 24 includes a cylinder rod 37 fixed to the movable platen 23, so that the movable platen slides along the tie bar 28 in accordance with the operation of the mold clamping cylinder 24 ~~34~~ to clamp and open/close the mold. The eject mechanism 29, which is mounted to the movable platen 23, includes eject pins 34 extending through the movable platen 23 to protrude into and retract from the mold cavity 31.

Please amend the carryover paragraph between pages 12 and 13 as follows:

When the molten metal loaded in the mold cavity 31 is solidified, the cooling step is finished. Subsequently, the piston 39 of the mold clamping cylinder 24 is returned to open the mold. In this case, the two-way hydraulic pump 2a is switched from the torque control back to the rotational speed control so that hydraulic fluid is supplied to the piston-retracting-side hydraulic fluid

chamber ~~19~~ ~~19a~~ through the piston-retracting-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 11a. In reaction to thereto, the piston 39 moves in the returning direction while discharging hydraulic fluid to the piston-protruding-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 10a. At that time, the valve position of the check/one-way valve 16a has been switched into the one-way valve position 16r by the action of the solenoid S, so that most part of the hydraulic fluid discharged to the piston-protruding-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 10a is supplied to the two-way hydraulic pump 2a, while at the same time, the difference in fluid amount between the piston-retracting-side hydraulic fluid chamber 19 and the piston-protruding-side hydraulic fluid chamber 18 is returned to the hydraulic fluid tank 15a through the one-way valve position 16r.

Please amend the last paragraph on page 14 as follows:

In the hybrid hydraulic circuit H2 of the second embodiment A2, a mold clamping cylinder ~~24~~ ~~4~~ defines therein a piston-protruding-side hydraulic fluid chamber 18 connected to a piston-protruding-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 10 for fluid communication, and a piston-retracting-side hydraulic fluid chamber 19 connected to a piston-retracting-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 11 for fluid communication. Between the piston-protruding-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 10 and the piston-retracting-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 11 are provided a

larger-capacity two-way hydraulic pump 2 and a smaller-capacity two-way hydraulic pump 3, which are connected in parallel. In this embodiment, the larger-capacity two-way hydraulic pump 2 for high-speed injection is disposed on the side closer to the mold clamping cylinder 24, whereas the smaller-capacity two-way hydraulic pump 3 is disposed on the side away from the mold clamping cylinder 24. Between the larger-capacity two-way hydraulic pump 2 and the piston-protruding-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 10 is disposed a check/one-way valve 12.

Please amend the carryover paragraph between pages 16 and 17 as follows:

The piston-protruding-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 10 and the piston-retracting-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 11 are connected to each other via a common pipeline 13 for fluid communication. The common pipeline 13 is connected to a tank pipeline 14 for returning hydraulic fluid to the hydraulic fluid tank 15 when the amount of hydraulic fluid in the common pipeline 13 is excessive and for sucking hydraulic fluid from the hydraulic fluid tank 15 when the amount of hydraulic fluid in the common pipeline 13 is insufficient. The common pipeline 13 is provided with a check/one-way valve 16 at a portion 13a1 located adjacent the piston-protruding-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 10 and

between the tank pipeline 14 and the piston-protruding-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 10 and with a check valve 17 at a portion 13a2 located adjacent the piston-retracting-side hydraulic fluid pipeline 11 ~~11a~~ for preventing hydraulic fluid from returning toward the tank pipeline 14.